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place on the 29th and 30th October last in company with the Sanitary Engineer and some municipal councillors, proposed a revised scheme. This has been referred to the Municipal Council for acceptance. The Sanitary Engineer is also being asked to submit estimates for the revised scheme.

(*c*) & (*d*) In December 1920, the Council applied for a grant of Rs. 22,691 equivalent to half the *increased* cost of the revised estimates for the scheme as it then stood and for a loan of a like amount with interest at 4 per cent per annum. The question of finance will have to be considered afresh when a decision has been arrived at on the scheme to be adopted. Ordinarily the Government bear one half of the cost of water-supply and drainage schemes and advance the other half as a loan, if the local body requires it.

RAILWAYS.

Scheme regarding Railway line between Singanallur and Podanur.

20 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state if any scheme to divert the Railway line between Singanallur and Podanur so as to make it run *via* Coimbatore is in consideration; and if so, if there is any likelihood of the scheme being taken up at an early date?

A.—Yes. The matter is under correspondence with the Railway Board.

REVENUE ESTABLISHMENT.

Removal of the Revenue Divisional office, Gobichettipalayam.

21 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the proposal to remove the Revenue Divisional office from Gobichettipalayam is still under consideration and, if so, in what stage or whether it has been dropped?

A.—The proposal is under the consideration of Government and has not been dropped.

VILLAGE ESTABLISHMENT.

Pay of village officers.

22 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) if there were village officers getting a salary of Rs. 15 a month before the introduction of the scheme to give village officers a minimum salary of Rs. 15 per mensem;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) be in the affirmative, the number of such officers and the reason that enabled them to receive a higher pay;

(*c*) whether the introduction of the new scheme of enhanced pay referred to in (*a*) has benefited in any way those village officers who were receiving not less than Rs. 15 per mensem; and

(*d*) if they have derived no benefit, whether the Government have any intention of taking their case into consideration and giving them any increase whatever?